

Resources

School counselors, librarians and the Internet are great resources for identifying scholarships, grants and loans. We recommend utilizing web sites that offer information free-of-charge, like the ones listed below:

**Federal Student Aid,
An Office of the U.S. Department of Education**

studentaid.ed.gov

Free Scholarship Search

fastweb.com

Online Guide to Financial Aid

finaid.org

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

fafsa.gov

Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Program

weop.dpi.wi.gov

Foster Care to Success Scholarship

fc2success.org

Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board

heab.state.wi.us

KnowHow2Go Wisconsin

knowhowtogowisconsin.org

DCF Bureau of Youth Services

dcf.wisconsin.gov/youth

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DCF Scholarship & Education and Training Voucher Funds



Whatever your dream is, going to college will help make it happen. Higher education opens doors, increases options and opportunities, and will help you be more successful at whatever you choose to do.



Bureau of Youth Services



Research shows that not only does more education translate to higher income, it also indicates people who continue their education after high school are less likely to be unemployed, are healthier, and are more engaged citizens.

Get Money for College!

The DCF Scholarship and ETV Funds help cover school-related expenses, including but not limited to:

Tuition

Fees

Housing

Books

Supplies

The purpose of the DCF Scholarship and Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Funds is to provide financial assistance to help former foster youth receive the education, training, and services necessary to obtain employment.

Who's Eligible?

Who's eligible for the DCF Scholarship or the ETV Funds?

You are eligible if you are a Wisconsin youth who left a court ordered out-of-home placement (foster home, group home, residential care center or court ordered Kinship Care) at age 18 or when you graduated from high school, or you entered into court ordered guardianship or were adopted after your 16th birthday from an out-of-home placement.

And

You have been admitted to an accredited or pre-accredited institution/program of high learning (i.e. technical college, 2 or 4 year college or university);

And

You are under age 21, unless already enrolled and attending a postsecondary program and participating in the scholarship or ETV program on your 21st birthday (extending eligibility to age 23);

And

You have not yet earned your Bachelor's or other advanced degree from a postsecondary institution.

DCF Scholarship

- Covers all or partial costs toward tuition, fees and books.
- Renewable annually with a new application and successful completion of prior semester (GPA2.0 or better).
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but should be submitted as early as possible due to limited availability of funds.



ETV Funds

Can be applied to costs to assist with successful completion of your semester, such as transportation, tutoring and registration fees.

Application Process

DCF Scholarship

Contact your local independent living coordinator for information on how to apply.

You can also obtain an application at:

http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/Doc/dcf_f_cfs2197.doc

ETV Funds

Contact your local independent living coordinator for information on how to apply for local ETV funds.

For more information, please contact:

Independent Living Coordinator
Department of Children and Families
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Madison, WI 53708-8916

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